

# Economic Impact Payment (EIP): Stimulus Check



## What is the EIP?

The Economic Impact Payment (EIP) is also known as the stimulus check. This is a one-time payment made by the government to provide relief due to COVID-19.

Individual	Joint
\$1, 200	\$2,400
★ \$500 for each child under the age of 17.	

## Are You Eligible?

You are eligible if you are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or qualifying resident alien who:

- ✔ Have a valid Social Security number
- ✔ Can not be claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer
- ✔ Have adjusted gross income under certain limits

## How do I apply?

Most people received their payment automatically:

- Individuals who filed a federal income tax return for 2018 or 2019

And those receiving:

- Social Security Retirement, Disability (SSDI), or Survivor benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients
- Recipients of Veterans Affairs Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits
- Railroad Retirement (RRB) benefits

## Non-Filers

People who have little or no income and did not file a tax return are eligible to get the payment. They will need to fill out a Non-filer form on the [IRS website](http://www.IRS.gov/nonfilerEIP) (www.IRS.gov/nonfilerEIP)

Information needed for the Non-filer form:

- Full name, current mailing address and an email address
- Date of birth and valid Social Security number
- Bank account number, type and routing number, if you have one
- Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) you received from the IRS earlier this year, if you have one
- Driver’s license or state-issued ID, if you have one
- For each qualifying child during 2019: name, Social Security number or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number and their relationship to you or your spouse

## Deadlines

For taxpayers who requested an extension of time to file a 2019 tax return, that deadline was October 15. If you had a filing requirement and did not file a 2018 or 2019 return before the deadline, you will be able to claim your EIP on your 2020 tax return during the 2021 tax season.

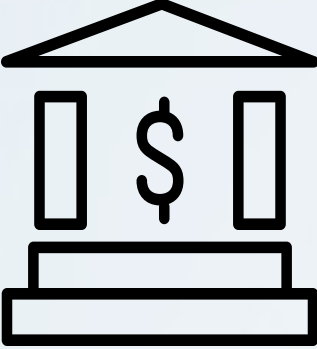
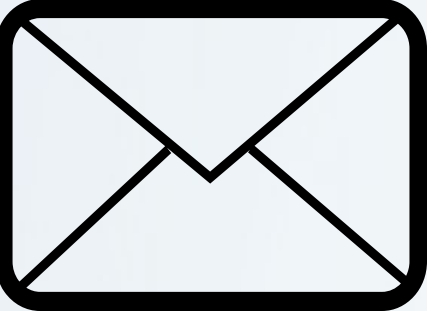
For non-filers, you have until **November 21, 2020 at 3 PM** to apply for their stimulus using the IRS Non-Filer Tool. This applies to those who have not yet received their EIP and do not normally file a tax return.

Federal beneficiaries that did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and did not receive the additional \$500 payment for their qualifying children now have until **November 21, 2020 at 3 PM** to register using the Non-Filer Tool. This includes those receiving Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits and Veterans Affairs Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits.



# Payment Information

Economic Impact Payments may be issued a number of ways, including Direct Deposit, as well as prepaid card or paper check mailed to your last known address.

 Direct Deposit	Direct deposit is the quickest way to receive your Economic Impact Payment. The payment will be deposited into the bank account provided on your tax return or non-filer form.
 Mail	Your payment will be sent through the mail if you do not provide your bank account information.  The payment will either be issued as a check or a prepaid debt card.

## Prepaid Debt Card

- ★ The prepaid debit card will come in an envelope with a return address from **Money Network Cardholder Services.**
- ★ You can use your prepaid card everywhere visa is accepted.
- ★ You must call 1.800.240.8100 to activate your card.
- ★ You can use your prepaid card to get cash. Please visit [eipcard.com](http://eipcard.com) to see a list of fees.
- ★ Information needed for card activation:
  - Card Number
  - last 6-digits of your social security number
  - 3-digit security code from the back of your card

For more information visit [irs.gov](http://irs.gov)

Contact the [Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Tax Hotline](#)  
for questions about the EIP's legal implications  
(443) 451-4091  
Monday-Friday: 10am-4pm



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TTY users, call Maryland Relay 711.